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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER DEAN

Dear Friends,

I hope that all of you have had a blessed Advent season and are eagerly awaiting celebrations of the birth of our savior. My prayer for each of you is that you have time to truly worship in between all of the extra rehearsals, the last minute practice sessions, and the final tweaking of registrations. The business that accompanies this wonderful season has a way of detracting from the experience of God's presence and sometimes we need to just stop and experience God's presence in our world.

I have received the gift of some time to rest, pray, and reflect this Christmas that I have never had before. I am having a time of being forced to lie quietly during the healing of an eye that needed unplanned surgery this week. I have had the tables turned on me from the role of care-giver to being the recipient of care from many wonderful people. It is a very new experience for me to stop and reflect at Christmas rather than being frantically busy! I never would have chosen to take a rest time in this way, but due to the watchful care of a very loving God, I am truly benefitting from the down time.

I wish for each of you health, peace, and a sense of deep and abiding joy during the coming days. I also pray that heaven-sent music flows through you to bless all who hear!

Merry Christmas,

Becca



Rebecca Sawyer
Chapter Dean

From Peggy Graff, Sub-Dean
Season's Greetings, FWAGO!

This is one of the busiest seasons of all; and yet, we somehow find the time to support this outstanding organization that continues to motivate, stimulate, inspire, educate, encourage, and inform us. Please be reminded of the following winter events that will do just that. I hope to see you there!

Fort Worth AGO Winter Season Events

Friday, January 18, 2019 – 7:00 pm

Alcee Chriss, Organ Recital

TCU Ed Landreth Hall - 2800 South University Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76129

A reception will follow the recital in the hallway outside Ed Landreth Hall.

Monday, February 18, 2019 – 7:00 pm

Dr. Yoon-Mi Lim, organist, presents "Instruments with Organ"

St. Alban's Parish - Anglican— 911 South Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76013

Dinner and General Meeting: 5:30 pm

Please make your dinner reservation before February 8 to Peggy Graff at pgraff@myfumc.org

Sunday, March 3, 2019 – 2:00 pm

Ken Cowan, Organ Recital

First Presbyterian Church—1000 Penn St., Fort Worth, TX 76102

A reception will follow the recital.

Sunday, March 3, 2019 – 7:00 pm

Fort Worth Sister Cities Organ Recital—**Martin Baumbauer**

Broadway Baptist Church—305 W. Broadway Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76104

A reception will follow the recital.

From Peggy Graff, Professional Development
Certification Exam Coordinator
Certification Exams

This could be the year **you** begin the certification process through the AGO if you have never done so! Professionally, the certification process has helped over 40 of our chapter members develop their service playing skills to new heights and has increased their organ repertoire. In addition to this, the initials behind your name (SPC, CAGO, AAGO, ChM, FAGO) can provide added credence to you on a professional level.

Certification exam workshops are available, based on the interest of members who want to delve into this process. The scheduling of workshops is done in collaboration with the certification exam coordinator and potential applicants; and they are held at First United Methodist Church – Fort Worth (800 West 5th Street). Please contact Peggy Graff (pgraff@myfumc.org) for further information. The 2018-2019 schedule for exams is listed below. I encourage you to consider this!

2018-2019 Certification Exams

Service Playing Certificate Test:	October 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019.
Colleague Examination:	May 10, 2019; November 15, 2019.
Choir Master Examination:	June 5, 2019 (morning and afternoon).
Associateship Examination:	June 6 and 7, 2019 (paperwork section both mornings; organ playing one of the afternoons).
Fellowship Examination:	June 6 and 7, 2019 (paperwork section both mornings; organ playing one of the afternoons).

2018-2019 Certification Exam Application Deadlines

Service Playing Test: February 1 is the final application deadline. (Applications for SPC tests between October and early February should be received at least 3 weeks prior to the scheduled test date.)

Colleague Examination: September 15 for the November CAGO exam; March 1 for the May CAGO exam.

FORT WORTH FIGURED WELL IN THE SPLENDID FUNERAL CEREMONIES OF PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Monte Maxwell, Organist-Music Director of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, is a graduate of TCU where he was an organ performance major. He directed the Naval Academy choir during a solemn ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda as the former President's body was brought in to be placed on the catafalque.

The official organist of the National Cathedral is **George Fergus**, another brilliant organist who learned to play in Fort Worth. He was taught by **Mark Scott** at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church. Mark was a splendid teacher and in very short time George was playing with the maturity of an established professional organist. In preparation for college he, at the insistence of Mark Scott, received several sessions of organ lessons with **Emmet Smith** on the St. Stephen organ. His audition was so successful that he was accepted at St. Olaf University as an Organ Performance major with a handsome scholarship. Fergus played for the service in the National Cathedral.

Both musicians, Maxwell and Fergus, were born in Texas, and spent their learning years with Fort Worth teachers. Mark Scott and Monte Maxwell were both degree students with Emmet Smith at TCU.

MUSIC January - June 2019
ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
5001 Crestline Road, Fort Worth, TX 76107
Save the date!

Friday, January 25, 2019—7:30 pm

ORGAN GALA

A night to honor **Rick Grimes** for his 24 years as Organist and Choirmaster, and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the organ restoration program begun by Garland Pipe Organs in 1999.

Featuring organists **Robert McCormack** (Organist and Choirmaster, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia) and **Clive Driskill-Smith** (Organist and Choirmaster, All Saints Episcopal Church, Fort Worth).

Reception follows.

Friday, February 22, 2019—7:30 pm

ORGANIZED RHYTHM in concert

Clive Driskill-Smith (organ) and **Joseph Gramley** (percussion).

"Absolutely incredible! ... a stunning program and an outstanding performance! ... clear highlight of the convention! ... the show-stopper of the week!" —AGO Region VI Convention

Reception follows.

Friday, June 14, 2019—7:30 pm

ORGAN RECITAL

Paul Griffiths (Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and CEO of Dubai Airports).

Reception follows.

REVISED OPERATING PROCEDURES COMING!

The Executive Committee has been working during the last three executive session meetings to revise our chapter's official Operating Procedures to bring them up to date with changes implemented across the Guild by AGO HQ and to include some needed local procedural improvements. The Fall edition of this newsletter announced that the revision would be ready for members to ratify the changes at the November 12, 2018, general chapter membership dinner meeting, but the revision was not yet ready then. The revision has now been completed and approved by the Executive Committee. Members will be sent a copy of the proposed revised procedures in early January to review and study. Members will be asked to ratify the revisions at the general chapter membership dinner meeting 5:30 pm, February 18, 2019, at St. Alban's Anglican Church in Arlington. Mark your calendar to attend! And be ready to vote!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of December 11, 2018, we have 143 chapter members. Since the Fall edition of this newsletter, we have added 6 new members:

Candace Bawcombe, Organist, Church of Holy Communion, Dallas, and former Dean of the Fort Worth AGO Chapter (2010-2012).

Deborah Clark (Regular Member), Organist, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, and former Dean of the Fort Worth AGO Chapter (1988-1990).

Isabelle Demers (Regular Member) – Organ Professor, Baylor University.

Willa Barminski Dunleavy (Regular Member).

Christina Harrell (Regular Member) – Director of Liturgy & Music, Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church, Keller, TX.

Jacob Royle (Young Organist) - first scholar selected for William E. Hayes Scholarship for Young Organists. Teacher is chapter member Ken Surley.

OUR FIRST ORGAN SCHOLAR!

Congratulations to our very first organ scholar, **Jacob Royle**, for the William E. Hayes Memorial Scholarship for Young Organists that was established late last year. Jacob is the student of our chapter member and editor, **Ken Surley**. Jacob gave his first public performance at our chapter's members' recital November 12th at St. Vincent's Cathedral in Bedford. Jacob receives funding for organ lessons for twelve months, a membership subscription to our chapter and may receive other support to attend organ workshops or conventions. Jacob is finishing high school and plans to attend Baylor University to study organ. See and hear Jacob as he was preparing Belier's "Toccata" for the members' recital by pasting the following YouTube link in your internet search bar (the video also shows Ken, his teacher): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4sITRseVU>. The scholarship program accepts applications year-round. Information on the scholarship program and the application form is available on our chapter website, www.fortworthago.org. **Kyla Rosenberger**, CAGO, serves as Scholarship Administrator.

LAURENCE FURR, CERTIFIED CLINICAL MUSICIAN

Laurence Furr, Cantor (Director of Music and Organist) of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Worth, has been doing work in the therapeutic music field. After several years of study, he earned two certifications. He is now a Certified Clinical Musician and Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner. Dr. Furr works 10 – 20 hours per week at JPS Health Network, playing Celtic harp at the bedside in ICU, NICU, ER, Trauma Unit, Oncology, and many other departments, including playing the harp inside the operating room for both patients, surgeons, and other staff members. He plays a few hours per month as an employee of Vitas Hospice in its inpatient unit located in Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center. He serves on the Board of Advisors for Andrew Schulman's Medical Musician Initiative. Schulman is the author of the award-winning book *Waking the Spirit: A Musician's Journey Healing Body, Mind, and Soul*.

Dr. Furr has taught therapeutic harp classes for several years at the Somerset Folk Harp Festival which is held every July in Parsippany, New Jersey. In July 2019 he will be presenting three workshops on healing harp music at Holden Village, a Lutheran campus in the Cascade Mountains in Washington, where scholars give weekly seminars and workshops throughout the year.

PEDALS, PIPES, and PIZZA REGISTRATION FORM

For GRADES 2-12

Saturday, February 2, 2019

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Lovers Lane United Methodist Church

9200 Inwood Road; Dallas, TX 75220

(NE corner of Inwood Rd @ N.W. Highway, a few blocks west of Dallas Tollway)

Participation fee: \$10/student; \$15 for 2 siblings; Family maximum rate \$20

Registration deadline: 01/30/2019; postmarked 1/28/2019

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AGE/GRADE: _____ SCHOOL: _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/ALLERGIES: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: _____

ANY SPECIAL NEEDS? _____

MUSICAL EXPERIENCE: _____

INSTRUMENT/S STUDIED: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS OF STUDY OR CHOIR PARTICIPATION: _____

PARENT/S OR GUARDIANS: _____

ADDRESS & PHONE (if different from above): _____

E-MAIL: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

SIBLING/S PARTICIPATING & number, if "yes" _____ (check if yes) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____

WHO WILL PICK UP YOUR YOUTH/CHILD? _____

(Children/youth under age 16 must be signed in by a responsible adult. Photo ID will be required for their release.)

Youth 16-18 may sign themselves in and out: _____

Parents may accompany children or youth, but siblings under grade 2 may not participate.

I WISH TO VOLUNTEER FOR PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

Please return registration forms, postmarked by 1/28/2019 to: Dr. Sheryl Sebo: 3539 Merrell Road, Dallas, TX 75229.

Or you may email form/s (one for each participant) by 1/30/2019 to slsebo@verizon.net.

Information: 972-849-1950 (Sheryl Sebo, Cell phone), or email to the above address.

**THE AGO COMMITTEE ON THE NEW ORGANIST,
DIRECTED BY MICHAEL KOENIG,
IS SEEKING A PANEL OF ADVISORS FROM THE GENERAL AGO MEMBERSHIP**

The purpose of the Committee on the New Organist (CONO) is to introduce non-organists of all ages to the organ, and to further motivate and develop new organists. The committee creates age-appropriate means, materials, and programs for engaging them, and for enabling their development as performers. It oversees such programs and resources as [The New Organist web page](#) and PipeWorks. It also assists the CoPOE, CCPE and other committees in projects involving new organists.

The new AGO [Strategic Growth Plan](#) presents many opportunities for CONO to become a major force in engaging, supporting, and uplifting every organist – especially those new to the organ. The CONO Panel of Advisors would serve voluntarily on an as-needed basis to advise the committee in their projects and directions. The time commitment will be entirely at the advisors' discretion and can be small and occasional. As the support of new organists represents a significant opportunity for increasing the diversity of AGO membership, both nationally as well as internationally, Michael is highly interested in collaborating with a panel that represents such diversity.

Those interested in joining the CONO Panel of Advisors should email Michael at cono@agohq.org including the following information:

- Name, mailing address, email, phone
- Current activity or interest as organist
- Résumé
- A brief statement describing what you might be able to contribute as a CONO Panel member

Although there is no deadline for applications, the panel will begin functioning immediately.

Sincerely,

Don Cook
AGO National Councillor for Education

WE NEED MORE SUBSTITUTES!

We need more organists on the official chapter substitute roster that is posted on our chapter website. The demand has exceeded our supply of substitutes who can serve for Sunday morning services. I frequently get requests, often on short notice, from churches needing substitutes, sometimes for one Sunday, but sometimes for an extended period.

If any of you want to be listed as a substitute and are not already on the list, please contact me so that you can be added to the list posted on our website. You may be available every day or only during the week for funerals and weddings, but not on Sundays. To qualify, you must be a chapter member in good standing and have a degree in organ performance or hold an AGO certification (SPC, CAGO, CHM, AAGO, FAGO) or pass an audition.

For details, contact the Substitute and Placement Administrator, **Dale Bench**, CAGO, at: DalePipeOrgan@sbcglobal.net.

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